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A winter build

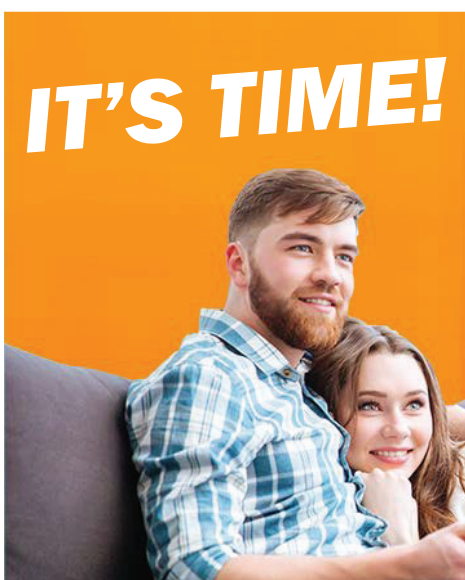
Stunning ice igloo erected on Long Lake. See page 3.

Centennial celebration

Agnew's General Store marks 100 years in business in 2021. See page 8.



Young skiers take to the track during a Jack Rabbit lesson, as facilitated by the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail and Ski Club Association on Saturday, Feb. 20 at Glebe Park in Haliburton. See more photos on page 11. /DARREN LUM Staff



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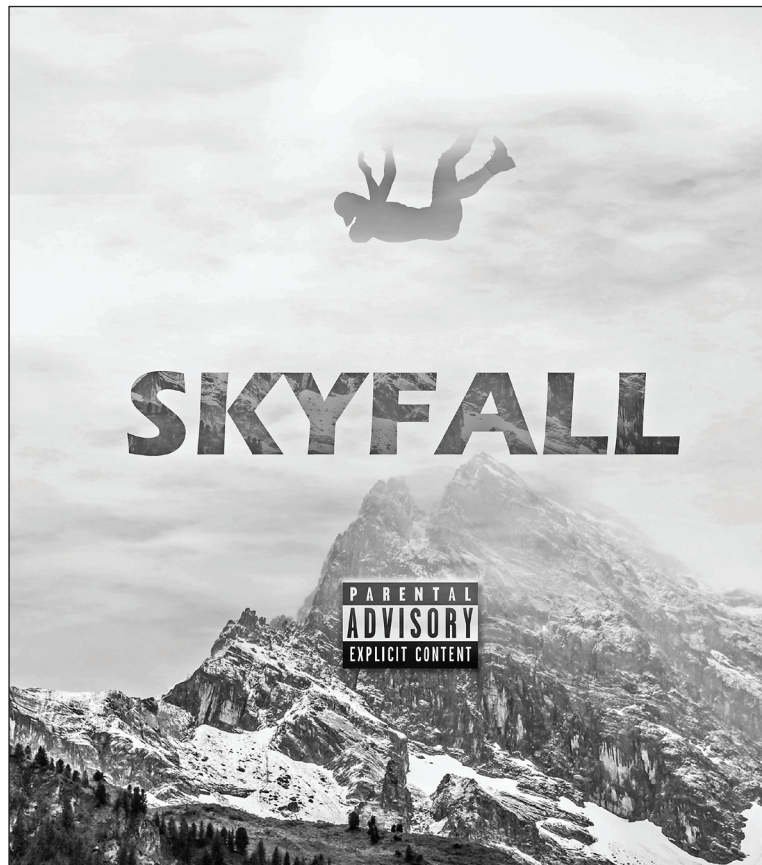
HHSS student artist profile

Ethan Wildman is a Grade 12 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School who relocated to our community this year from Millbrook. Ethan is enrolled in Visual Arts and the Yearbook course at the high school and has been accepted into the Graphic Design program at Fleming College in Peterborough for next year.

The way that I express myself is through art, as I believe that there is nothing more therapeutic than the art of creation. I find that when I am in pain or going through a difficult time, the only way to get my point across is to create art that explains the way I am feeling. The ability to create is an amazing gift and creating is the most expressive way to release your emotions whether they are positive or negative. I want to create as much as possible and leave something on the earth for when I die. I want to have actually existed and not be forgotten.

Not only do I enjoy making physical drawings and paintings, but I also enjoy making digital drawings and audio artworks. The best part is that they don't always have to be separate. I create music for the public to hear for free anywhere, as well as creating digital cover arts that correspond with the music for your auditory and visual pleasure. These audio-visual practices include deep and personal emotions while including a pleasurable listening experience for anyone listening. I believe that these audio-visual works can translate into people's brains more deeply than paint or a piece of paper.

The most important elements of design



Skyfall, 2019. A digital image created with Photoshop (album cover design).

for me are shape, texture, colour and value. I believe that colour can completely change the way somebody can look at an art piece and change the mood completely. Shape and texture are very important as they contribute to the feeling and understanding of what it is that I am creating. My preference to work with is most definitely pencil as I can cre-

ate the most detail with it and I can delve into deep meanings and trueness.

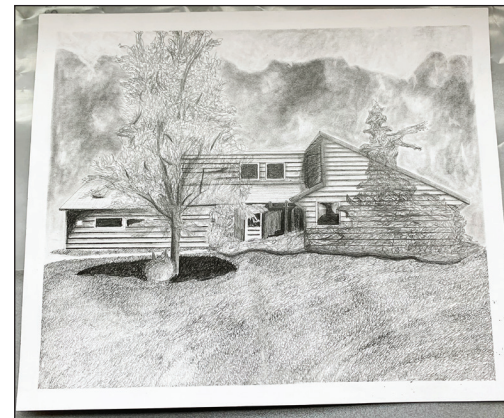
My audience will not seek to understand any of my works, as they will already know what is going on at first glance because my audience is specifically people who have experienced or are experiencing what my work is about. You can't understand what is going on

unless you experience what the art piece is displaying in mental terms.

You can find my music on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Music, Soundcloud, Deezer, Google Music, Amazon Music, as well as other streaming services, under the name 'Ethxn' with music called 'woah!', 'No Brakes', 'Skyfall', 'Red Dress.'



Red Dress, 2020. A digital image created with Photoshop (album cover design).



The House on the Plains, 2020. A pencil and charcoal on Nutex paper, measuring 16" x 20".

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A grounded flight attendant with Air Canada is helping to lift people's spirits virtually with her Facebook posts about the ice igloo she made with her family this winter.

Manny Lawson, who was the physical driver of the winter construction, said it feels good to know her efforts made people happy, and have also allowed her to focus on the opportunities not working has provided, rather than dwell on the loss of employment.

"Anything this year that can make people smile, and I feel that not all of my time was in vain at home during this lay-off," she said. "You know, what can I do this year that I won't be able to do next year when I'm back at work? For me it was shovelling the rink and doing stuff like this and being outside. It's easy to stay inside and on electronics. So when I would go outside and do this I would take my son with me."

Seeing her six-year-old son Lucas move around the igloo located on Long Lake, a few steps from the family home's dock, it's clear he's taken by the winter structure based upon the Inuit structure traditionally made from snow.

Manny said the igloo is quite strong, having held her and her son up, totalling close to 200 pounds. She is confident it would hold their entire family, including her husband Brett. Adding water to the igloo worked wonders to bolster the



Six-year-old Lucas Lawson of Long Lake sits on top of an ice block igloo illuminated from the inside with light. The igloo's construction was led by Lucas' mother Manny with help from father, Brett. The igloo is an Inuit structure and is typically made of snow for its insulative properties. /DARREN LUM Staff

strength.

"We took a sprinkler head to it and completely frosted it over one night and it really held it together," she said.

Sharing time with her son during her layoff has been a definite plus and the igloo has enhanced that experience. Whenever the two have been out on the lake and felt a chill they were able to delay their return to the house by sheltering in the igloo.

Manny said the seed for the idea was planted an entire year before when her

husband saw a video about an igloo. He said, "Why don't we give it a shot?"

Subsequently, Brett went to the Glecoff Family Store and bought 20 Tupperware containers as moulds for the blocks.

Unfortunately, a thaw during the Family Day Weekend left the igloo weakened and it collapsed the weekend after with Manny inside when it was only two-thirds completed.

Undeterred, she went to work over seven weeks this winter to complete what she started.

"This year I said to myself 'I'm laid off from Air Canada so I have more time' and I was able to finish it. It was just a fun project," she said.

Much of the block creation work was performed in her kitchen.

"You fill up the bins and then you put them on the deck. I went through four boxes of food colouring," she said. "So you put them on the deck and in temperatures like these [-15 degrees Celsius] in maybe two days it's frozen, but January at the beginning it wasn't very cold. So, I was putting them in my freezer, four by four. Then I would put eight at a time in my recycling bin I would bring my recycling bin and a jug of water all the way down to the lake and with the water – we seldom had sticky snow if I may say – and so I would use the water and surrounding snow and slush it and just put a piece and [another] piece," she wrote.

She created a framework inside made up of two-by-fours to provide some structure as a measure to avoid a cave-in.

Since she posted about her igloo on her Facebook page, there have been encouraging posts related to being inspired and requests for advice about how to do it. It's given Manny motivation to look to next year and she is planning on an ambitious construction next year.

"So next year we're going to make it bigger and we're already thinking of towers and a drawbridge. And make it more fun. So if I can inspire people to do stuff like that then great," she said.



Six-year-old Lucas Lawson of Long Lake lies in front of the entrance to an ice block igloo illuminated from the inside with light. The igloo was led by mother Manny and was a family project, which included father Brett. The igloo construction is a traditional structure of the Inuit and is typically made of snow for its insulative properties.

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Out on the lake

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SIRCH offering pathway to jobs through free four-month programs

MIKE BAKER

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

SIRCH Community Services is preparing to relaunch a pair of popular programs designed to help area residents learn new skills and potentially enter the workforce.

The 'Cook It Up' and 'Ready For Retail' initiatives have trained dozens of individuals in recent years. Introduced back in 2015, the programs are offered by SIRCH completely free of charge in partnership with Fleming College.

"These programs will help you gain the skills and confidence you need to find success," said Gena Robertson, SIRCH executive director. "Our goal is to get you employed, or self-employed."

The programs run over a period of four months, and are being offered both online and in-person, at the SIRCH Training Centre at 49 Maple Avenue in Haliburton.

'Cook It Up' teaches individuals how to work in a professional kitchen. Working alongside professional chefs, participants will learn skills such as knife handling, nutrition, cooking and serving. Trainees will be provided with the opportunity to showcase their talents at the SIRCH Community Kitchen and Bistro, which reopened to the public last week.

The 'Ready for Retail' program trains

people how to work effectively in retail spaces. Individuals will be taught "invaluable" skills, such as how to work in a team, how to work with difficult people, what to do about stress, and how to focus on the positives during tough situations. Those enrolled in the program will also learn about cashier duties, merchandizing, and loss prevention. Practical experience will be gained by working in the SIRCH Marketplace, a vibrant store attached to the Bistro that is filled with unique items from dozens of county-based artists and entrepreneurs.

Robertson noted that 90 per cent of the programs' graduates have been offered jobs upon graduation.

She pointed out that one of the major plus points, as reported by those who have gone through the programs, is the flexibility of the instructors and willingness to create a successful plan for those with busy and hectic schedules.

"We can help you solve any practical issues that may stand in your way, like if you don't have transportation, or need to be home when the kids get off the bus," Robertson said. "And you'll [also] get a hot lunch any day you're on site."

She added, "Our instructors will make you feel confident in no time."

The programs are due to begin soon. Those interested are encouraged to contact SIRCH at info@sirch.on.ca, or call 705-457-1742. For more information, visit www.sirch.on.ca.

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Rotary Club of Haliburton member Andrew Hodgson grabs broccoli, as part of the sorting effort for the Good Food Box - Rotary Club of Haliburton program.

Rotary organizes a healthy option

Rotary Club of Haliburton members Brian Nash, left, Andrew Hodgson, David Zilstra and Jim Joseph work to move the broccoli for organizing related to the Good Food Box - Rotary Club of Haliburton program on Thursday morning, Feb. 18 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. This program, which recently received \$11,000 through the Federal government's New Horizons for Seniors COVID-19 Response Fund to help seniors and those in low income housing, provides fresh vegetables and fruit at an affordable price delivered to people throughout the Highlands. From a partnership between Rotaract and Minden Pride, who wanted an initiative to give back to the community, there were close to 200 toothbrushes added to this past delivery of produce. For more information see www.haliburtoncountyfoodnet.com/good-food-box.html. DARREN LUM Staff



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Editorial

Caring and sharing, dont'cha know

WHY, IF the community of Haliburton doesn't continue to puff up ol' Maybelle's heart to bursting, don'tcha know. I mean, it's one thing to care about others...another to DO something about it. And that's what I'm seeing left, right, centre, above, below, and sideways. And it goes like this ...

My old washing machine, Helen, may she rest in pieces, stood by me through thick and thicker, with the help of a good friend who is an appliance-whisperer, don'tcha know. But, finally, Helen's time was up. No new parts could be found for her. So, I paid her my last respects, recalling the hundreds of loads she generously washed for me nigh on 18 years ... and then, I went to a great source for just about anything a human might need – the Buy and Sell free community advertising spot on 100.9 CanoeFM that comes on air every Friday at 1:30 p.m.

I simply Googled: canoeftmbuyandsell and up came a page with a form to fill out. Wanted: Washing Machine, Maybelle Morton, Lake Whaddayathinkimean, (and my phone number). Couldn't have been easier.

Two weeks went by ... then three ... then BINGO!

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

I got a call from a gal who is both a volunteer at CanoeFM (and saw my ad), and who knew of a washing machine that was being offered through a wonderful group she works with called: The Laundry Ministry. The Laundry Ministry! What a great name. What a great concept. And boy do they do great work!

Bottom line ... ol' Maybelle now has a 2009 Maytag washing machine in perfect condition sitting right where Helen lived all those washes ago. And, for a small donation, to boot. She told me that The Laundry Ministry started three years ago with a bulletin sent out by St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton. The group committed to donating \$100 every month to the 4Cs to help provide laundry supplies for those in need (and still do during COVID-19). Why they even made (and continue to make) dryer balls that come with instructions.

I was flabbergasted to learn that it's possible to save up to 1/3 of your hydro bill by using them in your dryer. Imagine! Because dryer balls keep your clothes from bunching up as they dry, more air is allowed to circulate, giving you the biggest heating bang for your buck. She also told me that she has a dryer ball that's lasted 17 years. "They don't wear out," she said. She

puts three in her dryer with each load.

The Laundry Ministry gives its donations to the 4Cs, the Pregnancy Centre, and Food Haliburton. Two years ago, they started collecting used washers and dryers. Lucky Maybelle, eh?

So, caring and sharing is weaving its way through the community of Haliburton.

Why, when Vilma Yuccch needed a drafting table, she put her free ad on CanoeFM's Buy and Sell and whamo! She heard from TWO different people who each offered her a table for FREE!

Then there was that time Twindle Mumbly and his brother Dwindle wanted bicycles to go out riding when Dwindle was in Lake W visiting between touring with his rock band, Gastritis. Whamo again! Two practically new Schwinn bikes offered for a mere \$25 apiece.

Caring and sharing. Sharing and caring.

Do you have something to buy or sell? CanoeFM's the place to go. And if you'd like to donate to the Laundry Ministry or purchase some of their brilliant dryer balls, you can call a gal named Wendy at: 705-457-2704. Oh, and tell her Maybelle sent you!

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's books, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," and "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You" are available at amazon.com.

Top 10 reasons to keep your skates sharp

AS ANY Canadian knows, there is nothing worse than a dull pair of skates. On the flip side, there is no more versatile and useful tool than a sharp pair. That's why I have created this top 10 list to remind you why you should always keep your skates sharp.



STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. In case the steak knives are still in the dishwasher.
2. Never know when an ice age is going to sneak up on you.
3. Spontaneous hockey games happen.
4. If Ninjas attack, you'll be ready.
5. In case Team Canada reconsiders.
6. It's your patriotic duty.
7. Can't do a triple-lutz otherwise.
8. So you can get to the ice fishing hole fast.
9. Those vegetables aren't going to cut themselves.
10. Axes break, chainsaws malfunction.



Bridges

Squirrel's tail swishing through Snow,
 trailing its con-frère, streaking up the trunk of
 a maple,
 its bare branches, arching like bridges,
 over the evergreens growing on the other side of
 the fence,
 the tips of their needles, cradling crystals of Snow.

I stand still as the planks of wood,
 in the space where pieces of fence are missing,
 cold, curling my fingers into fists, creeping
 into my feet,
 as I watch the squirrels race up the limbs of
 the maple,
 the leader veering left, towards a nest, perched in
 the crook of two branches,
 the blur of grey fur, diving inside,
 while the squirrel that lags behind, keeps shimmying
 up the trunk of the tree,
 past the speck of nest, towards the higher branches,
 barely pausing to contemplate its next move,
 as it leaps into the Air, landing somewhere in the fur
 of evergreen,

its needles shaking as it receives its new arrival.
 I crane my neck, gawking up at the evergreen,
 marvelling at the squirrel's feat,
 wondering why I don't take such leaps,
 deliberating so long, the moment passes, and I
 remain rooted to the same spot,
 gawking at the squirrel's acrobatics instead.
 I watch as the squirrel explores the terrain of the
 evergreen,
 navigating its way through the thickness of the tree,
 wondering whether there's a nest, burrowed
 somewhere in its dark interior.
 I glance back at the maple, its snow laden branches
 gleaming in mid-day Sun,
 the nest blending in with the bark of the tree,
 the perfect camouflage for long stretches of rest,

as I imagine the squirrel curled in a crumple of fur,
 maybe dreaming of grass or sun-drenched breeze.

A swishing in the evergreen, as I peer back up,
 in time to see the smear of fur leaping back onto the
 bridge of maple branches,
 barely pausing after it lands,
 to streak its way along the limbs towards the nest
 where its con-frère rests,
 maybe feasting on whatever it forages from t
 he Snow,
 saving a morsel for its companion, back from
 exploring a different terrain,
 wondering why I don't do the same,
 as I stand in the empty space between two pieces
 of fence,
 gazing up at the stillness of frozen trees,
 maple branches grazing the tips of evergreens.

Sylvie Kalenda



Haliburton's Nick Russell celebrates release of new album

CHAD INGRAM

County Life Staff

Virtuosic Haliburton Highlands guitarist Nick Russell dropped a brand new album on March 1.

Entitled ARCHTOP, the album takes its name from the 1949 Gibson L-7 guitar Russell used throughout its recording. Archtop guitars mimic the body architecture of symphonic instruments such as violins or cellos, and as Russell explains, were pioneered by acoustic engineer Loyd Loar for the Gibson Guitar Corporation in the 1920s.

"The guitar itself came to me via a guitar student of mine," Russell told the *County Life* in an email. "My student purchased the restored instrument from Folkway Music in Waterloo. I imagine an instrument that's over 70 years old has a bit of a story. For me, the story starts when I realized my particular playing style seems to suit this type of instrument; archtop guitars have a fast attack, not many overtones, and can be extremely expressive when played the right way. Having acquired this guitar from my student a few years back, it's been my go-to acoustic guitar since."

Russell explains the L-7 was considered a "working man's guitar," a dressed-down version of the more grandiose Gibson L-5. "These types of guitars were made famous by players like Eddie Lang in the 1920s and became the Cadillac of American acoustic jazz guitars up until the advent of electricity," he wrote. "Gibson did then electrify the L-5, but it meant an altogether different sound."

The songs on the album are a mixture of Russell's arrangements of jazz standards, traditional music, some solo guitar pieces, and even a Hank Williams tune.

A promotional video for the album shows Russell playing his arrangement of "You Are My Sunshine," which seems to have a lilting, soothing effect to it.

"I am not sure why it's soothing – some of the chords I use are a bit strange and unnerving!" Russell wrote of the songs on the album. "That being said, I do play



Haliburton's Nick Russell recently released his new album, ARCHTOP, on March 1.

rubato (the musical word for playing without any time or beat) a fair amount on this record. It's a spacious sound that a lot of people are not immediately used to and is known to put people to sleep. This is why I include the weird chords – to wake people back up!"

On five of the album's 10 tracks, Russell is joined by friend Robert Lee on upright bass. "He's a fine upright bassist currently doing his Master's at Berklee College in Valencia, Spain," Russell wrote. "We've done numerous gigs together and I knew he'd be a good fit for this collection."

(More information on Lee can be found at robertlee-bass.com)

Russell owns and operates Haliburton Guitar Studio, which provides lessons, recording, and other music industry services. Like many business owners, his usual course of events has been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and he took the mandated closure of the in-person aspects of his business as a chance to record ARCHTOP.

"Having two young kids and running a business

can be very entropic," he wrote. "I usually do not have time to devote to recording the arrangements and ideas that come up from time to time. My teaching practice in Haliburton (and internationally over Zoom) is also quite busy. I saw the forced closure of my business as an opportunity to create this album. I am very fortunate to have a very supportive partner (my wife, Stephanie) and there were numerous days over the lockdown where I would head into the studio for the day for the sole purpose of working on this music."

ARCHTOP is now available for purchase on Russell's website nicholasrussell.ca and is the preferred method of purchasing the album. The album is also available on streaming service Bandcamp, and will be hitting other streaming services on April 1. Russell is also producing physical CDs which will be available in April. Internationally, those CDs will be available for purchase through Bandcamp, while county residents can simply email Russell at haliburtonguitarstudio.ca and arrange to pick up a copy at the studio, located in Haliburton Village.

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SUE TIFFIN

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Karen Knox remembers that the adventure-filled bike rides from her family's cottage on Big Straggle Lake to Agnew's General Store on Allen Lake in Harcourt Park began in the mid-1960s, around the time that her brother, Kent, was nine, and she was seven.

"Back then our parents didn't know where we were most of the time, and we were always safe," she told *County Life*. "Not just my parents, everyone's parents – there were no telephones."

That smaller store was open simultaneously for a time with the Agnew family's flagship shop in Wilberforce, where Knox's parents bought big, juicy T-bone steaks when visiting their cottage from their home in Scarborough. But the treat that Knox remembers is the penny candy – the blackballs and pixie sticks, black licorice cigars and Lik-m-aid candy powder, all washed down with Orange Crush and Tahiti Treat – worth the bicycle ride she actively participated in to get to it.

"We'd buy candy and ride home," she wrote on the Agnew's General Facebook page. "Kent peddling and steering and me sitting on the back carrier. I'd jump off to push when necessary."



Mae (Mary Ellen) and Fred Agnew. /Submitted

While Knox's nostalgic memories reflect her own childhood, the presence of Agnew's General Store in Highlands East has long held a place in the hearts of both residents and cottagers – this year, the historic landmark celebrates 100 years since Fred G. Agnew took on the store in 1921.

Fred had come to Canada from England solo, as a 16-year-old.

"It wasn't unheard of at the time, it was what you did, I guess," Cathy Agnew, Fred's granddaughter, said to

County Life in retelling his story.

He ended up in the Lindsay area, doing a number of jobs that included logging in the lumber camps and on the river drive, leading him to working for the railroad. His position as station agent in Gooderham gave him the opportunity to meet the woman – Mary Ellen (Mae) Dixon – who would become his wife in 1913, and then acquire a job as a travelling train agent on the Bancroft to Howland Junction route.

"He got to know the towns along the way, on the stops, and that's how he ended up knowing Mr. Reynolds, here in Wilberforce," said Cathy.

The history as to how Fred ended up working with S.W. Reynolds at his store after the railroad job, is part of the Agnew family lore, passed along by Fred's children to their children.

"We kind of feel that he left the railroad because he had an accident one night on the side car, which he wasn't supposed to use after dark, and took it out on the railroad tracks," said Cathy. "He was transporting a child who needed medical attention. Anyway, there was an accident and he lost his sight in one eye. He started working for Mr. Reynolds, and that's how he ended up, eventually, the owner of Agnew's General Store."

The history page on the Agnew's website said the store, originally a boarding house, exchanged hands with "no more than a verbal agreement and a handshake."

"Reynolds decided to eventually retire, and the story goes that he said to Fred, 'there's not enough money here for the two of us, why don't you take over the business?' and then Reynolds left town on the train, and Fred took over running the business for Reynolds, and eventually ended up buying the business from him," said Cathy. "We also heard that Fred didn't tell his wife until Reynolds was already gone, that they were now running the store."

By all accounts, Cathy said, Fred was an affable type. "He was very easy-going, he took to people," she said. "Mae probably had more of a business head on her than Fred."

Numerous people have told the Agnews over the years about the generosity of Fred as a shopkeeper, ensuring that nobody went without proper clothing or adequate food supply.

"Back in those days, everybody ran lines of credit, everybody had credit," said Cathy. "But Mae would get to the point where she would cut people off of credit – she was the authority figure in the store, I think. And we've been told that Fred would then sometimes slip out and catch up with the person and slip them a bit of money, eh?, to get them through."

The store, a general store then as it is today, sold everything from dried goods and cooking pots, everything that you might need in a house. In March of 1938, it burned in a fire, and the rebuilding of the store just down the street with a warehouse and house attached to it – the post office would come later – cost about \$300, "so we've been told," said Cathy. During construction between March and November that year, the store temporarily operated in the Orange Hall.

"But for years, they didn't have any furniture in the house," said Cathy. "There was nothing. Uncle Ross, who died a few years ago, he remembers when they built the house, them not having any furniture in it. They had four hard chairs, dining room chairs, and a table. It was years down the road before they could afford to furnish it."

The store was built with a 16-foot counter at the back, running across the store, which customers would approach with a list for the shopkeeper to fill. The counter was fitted with large drawers where flour, sugar, baking soda, raisins, dates and the like were stored.

"Ross got tired of walking out of the house, behind this counter, all the way to the end of it to get to the other part of the store, so one day he got the idea to cut it in half and make a walkway halfway down," said Cathy. "We still have part of that counter in the store here, that we use to this day. That's kind of a treat. We're happy to have this piece that we still have right now."

Cathy said that in those days, she was told everything came in on the train, which came through three days a week.

"The roads weren't open in the wintertime and were

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The original store, owned by F.G. Agnew since 1921. It burned down in 1938 and was replaced with the building still standing today./Submitted

Customers happy beloved general store is still standing

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very poor quality in the summer," she said. "Everything had to come up in sleighs in the wintertime and carts in the summertime."

Popular tubs of ice cream would come from Silverwoods Dairy in Lindsay on those trains.

"It would come packed in dry ice, up on the train, and then they would put it in the freezers," said Cathy. "There was no hydro here then, so you would have to chip at the blocks of ice that came out of the lake in the wintertime, and store it in the ice shed packed in sawdust. That was part of Ross and Murray's job, to go out and chip the ice off these big blocks, and bring it in and pack it in around the tubs of ice cream to keep it frozen. They said it was an awful job doing that, but at the end of the day, the treat was that you could have some ice cream."

Fred Agnew died in 1945, at the age of 59, when his youngest son, Gary, was only 10 years old. After that, Murray Agnew received a discharge out of Trenton to help his mother run the store. Mae Agnew died a few years later, in 1951, at the age of 55.

Murray continued running the family business, with Gary finishing his schooling and joining to help at the age of 16.

"I know that he [Murray] was offered several different jobs over the years, but felt that this was his place," said Cathy, his daughter. He was the postmaster, as well, a job now managed by his eldest daughter, Mary Barker.

On Sept. 1, 1952, Murray married Eileen Taylor.

"The wedding had to be on Labour Day because that was one of the few days the store was closed," notes a history of the store's succession.

Murray carried on the legacy of his dad, bringing the community together and looking out for residents both inside and outside the store, occasionally going to bat for people who needed advocacy on political issues. Gary, who worked as the butcher at Agnew's, ended up joining council himself.

"Dad was such an outgoing and gregarious person. he loved to talk, and knew everybody," said Cathy.

Janette Packard, who lives on Wilbermere Lake, wrote on the store's anniversary post on social media that she remembers the post office in three different places, and a conveyor belt coming up from the basement.

"If you couldn't find it on the shelf, someone would go upstairs or downstairs and 99 per cent of the time come back with what you needed in hand, or something that would do," she wrote. "There was a big book at the cash with all the accounts or tabs that people mostly paid on payday, but no one went without. Definitely a true general store and heart of the community. If they didn't have what you needed, no one did."

Ross Agnew, Fred and Mae's eldest son, ran a Gooderham store [now the Lucky Dollar] in the early 70s, before selling it and moving back to Wilberforce.

The park shop on Allen Lake in Harcourt Park that Knox rode her bike to for penny candy was open for about four or five years, Mary remembers, and was run by Mary and Cathy's mom, Eileen Agnew, and their aunt Bev, Gary's wife.

"It was promoted to the women as their chance to 'cottage,' while running a store six days a week and caring for six kids in very cramped living quarters attached to the more expansive store footage," said Mary. "The store closed on Thursdays. Wednesday night we came back to town. By Thursday night we were headed back to the park with a station wagon crammed full of grocery boxes and us kids packed in around them. If we hurried to unpack and got all the merchandise priced and on the shelves we got to stay up and watch 'Spine Tinger,' on a snowy TV and go to bed scared out of our minds. It was probably the birth of two more kids that made the women put their foot down and say they had had enough 'vacationing' in Harcourt Park."

Growing up, Cathy said, it was unique to be connected to the store.

"You always had a job, there were always things to do after school," she said. And then, laughing: "I have to admit, as a teenager, I did

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New owners maintain Agnew presence at popular store

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"You always had a job, there were always things to do after school," she said. And then, laughing: "I have to admit, as a teenager, I did not work here because you had to work weekends. No, thank you. During summer break, I would find a different job."

In 2018, the store changed hands, from the Agnew family to Frank Meurer, who shares the initials F. G. with Fred Agnew. He had started coming to the area a few

years prior to that for an interest in rock-hounding. On one of his first visits to the store at that time, he said he walked around, "amazed at everything they had here ... this is a real general store."

"When it was for sale - and three years left before the 100 years - and I loved the store myself as a customer, I went OK, is this possible to do?" said Meurer. "I lucked out."

Despite the sale, sisters Mary, Cathy and Wynne are still very much involved at the store.

"When I purchased it, I made sure that the agreement came with it that the

Agnews' family had to stay," he laughed. "This is Agnew's store and I need your touch, your feel ... Everybody's been very supportive, the community has accepted me and likes me - just because I haven't changed things."

"When I say hi to the Agnew girls, they still remember me," said Knox, who ended up buying the family cottage in 1994.

"It's interesting to watch the community grow and change," said Cathy.

Despite the years going by in the community - Cathy notes the setbacks of the current pandemic, and also the loss of the lumber industry - she said she is hoping it will continue to grow; she has noticed more and more young people have been moving to the area.

As times have changed, so has the store - from what is sold, to the method in which goods are sold, and even how people shop, doing so with more independence now although visiting with other shoppers and a genial closeness to store employees still very much occurs. Meurer said it's common for people to share stories, and to hear "I remember when ..."

"They'll be chatting and I love hearing the laughter," said Meurer. "I can just hear the laughter at the front end, from the customers interacting with the people who work here. That's another thing I love about this place, everybody who works here is really a part of the store, they're not just an employee of the store. One of the people here told me she loves working here, and to me, that means everything."

A website to allow for online sales is being developed, and clever merchandise posts on the store's Facebook page virtually draw in customers old and new. A future look-back on the store's history will see that despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Agnew's thrived at being the general store the community needed when so much else had shut down, working to provide the essential service of mail distribution but also providing a town cornerstone to keep face-to-face greetings - even behind masks - going in the rural area.

"We need to service this community and that's definitely something we strive to do in the best way possible," said Meurer.

"It's very heartwarming," said Cathy, of the customers who care about the store and share their memories of it with the staff. "People are genuinely happy that it's still operating and there are people who make a point of coming in and spending their dollar here, because they want it to stay here. That's really, really heartwarming."

"Agnew's General Store has been at the heart of downtown Wilberforce for 100 years and hopefully it won't miss a beat over the next 100," said Mary.

Centenary celebrations will be held throughout the year, spreading events out so the community can help mark the milestone occasion year round.

For more information about Agnew's General Store, visit agnews.ca or stay up-to-date with anniversary celebrations via <https://www.facebook.com/agnews.wilberforce>.



Welcome to the Highlands Summer Festival Photo Contest

Each month we post a photo from one of the shows we presented over the past two decades. The challenge for you is to identify the show and the year it was presented. There could be additional questions as well, depending on the whims of the quizmaster. All you have to do is submit your answers to

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A young skier works to avoid falling after going over a small jump during a Jack Rabbit lesson, as facilitated by the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail and Ski Club Association on Saturday, Feb. 20 at Glebe Park in Haliburton. This was the first day for the fun, learning program this season, which was delayed because of the provincial restrictions related to public gatherings to prevent transmission of COVID-19. With the help of volunteers, the instructional program provides not only instruction, but also encourages interest in Nordic skiing to children starting at four-years-old. The six level program, which also includes Track Attack for older children, is held every Saturday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Glebe Park. See website (www.skihaliburton.com/youth-programs/) for more information. /DARREN LUM Staff



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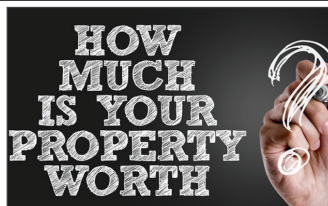
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Noelle LaRue in a solo number.

Skating Carnival 84:

Parents delighted as youngsters skate with enthusiasm

The Dysart arena took on an air of fantasy last Sunday afternoon as the Haliburton Figure Skating Club staged their annual carnival. An estimated 450 parents, relatives and friends were on hand to enjoy the show, which capped months of work by club instructors, executive members and parents.

A thin veil of mist rising from the ice added to the atmosphere as youngsters in delightful costumes portrayed "Smurfs in Strawberryland". A total of 16 numbers were performed, including several solos by skaters who will take part in inter club competitions later in the season.

Youngsters who took part in the show included Noelle LaRue, Danielle LaRue, Crystal Bain, Joanne Smith, Jenny Smith, Carrie Billings, Lianne Scheffee, Fraenzi Greber, Tanya Easton, Karen Elstone, Tracey Popple, Margaret Reiss, Eliza O'Neill, Carrie Martin, Leslie Burke, Cindy Byers, Carrie Baker, Teresa Scheffee, Lauren Wilson, Andrea Wilson, Andrea Black, Heather Bailey, Sabrina Pringle, Jeremy Scheffee, Brett Wilson, Benjamin Ripley, Margaret Teljeur, Cheryl Smith, Kim Oldrich, Shannon Stinson, Chriss Scott, Angela Brown, Angela Scott, Michelle Simms, Jennifer Scheffee, and from the Minden club, Sandy Bailey, Abby Burk, Wana Blakey, Misty Campbell, Kelli Dollo, Diane Garbutt, Jennifer Gentle, Julie Hall, Sara Lee Henderson, Janna Obie, Tammy Joe Pritchard and Tanya Willis.

Assisting Club instructor Penny Bird in staging the show were club president Arlene Scheffee, secretary Debbie Wilson, treasurer Rhonda Elstone, executive members Wanda Byers, Margaret Scheffee, Dorothy Black, Christine Bailey, Emily LaRue, and announcer Dorothy Baker.



Tanya Easton skates to a lively tune.



Carrie Martin waits for the music to start.



Eliza O'Neill enjoyed her part in the show.



Sabrina Pringle, Heather Bailey, Brett Wilson and Benjamin Ripley in a dance number.



Eliza O'Neill Jenny Smith, Danielle LaRue, Carrie Billings and Noelle LaRue perform in the opening number.



Benjamin Ripley plays to the crowd.



Waiting for the show to begin are, from left: Lianne Scheffee, Noelle LaRue, Carrie Billings, Cindy Byers, Margaret Reiss, Karen Elstone, and kneeling, Fraenzi Greber, Danielle LaRue, Carrie Martin.



These happy skaters are, front row, from left: Andrea Black, Sabrina Pringle, Heather Bailey; back row: Carrie Baker, Jennifer Scheffee, Laura Wilson, Angela Brown, Andrea Wilson, Teresa Scheffee.

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This cute and cozy 2-bdrm, 1 bath home. Located in the heart of Ingoldsby. Many recent improvements include, flooring throughout, windows, drilled well, new propane furnace and many more. Updated kitchen with white cabinetry and granite counter tops. The beautiful Haliburton room with stunning lake views. Great aluminum docking system and excellent swimming and fishing across the road.

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